STATEMENT LAID ON THE TABLE.

Demand.	Amount in Rupees.	Particulars.
VII—A. Stamp Manufactory ...	8,310	For the purchase of cardboards and covers.
XVI - C. Administration of Justice ...	10,000	For payment of batta to prisoners of Criminal courts
XXX—A. Scientific & Miscellaneous Departments— (ii) Government Gardens ...	350	For the maintenance of the zoo animals.

FINANCIAL BUSINESS.

DEMANDS FOR SUPPLEMENTARY GRANTS.

DEMAND II—LAND REVENUE AND TAXES ON INCOME.

MR. K. KUNJAN PILLAI: Sir, I move for a grant of Rs. 367 under Demand II—Land Revenue and Taxes on Income for meeting the expenditure on account of arrears of rent due for the building in which the office of the Deputy Commissioner Tax was held. The arrears relate to the period from Thulam to Meenom 1116. The amount provided for the purpose in the budget for 1116 could not be drawn and disbursed as there was a dispute about the title of the person entitled to receive the rent. The dispute has now been settled and the rent is proposed to be paid. I move that the House may sanction a supplementary grant of Rs. 367 for payment of this amount.

The Demand was put to vote and carried and grant was made.

DEMAND VII—PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT INCLUDING WATER WORKS AND DRAINAGE.

T. A. to the P. W. D. Advisory Committee.

MR. I. C. CHACKO: Sir, I rise to move for a grant of Rs. 5,125 under P. W. D. including Water Works and Drainage. This amount is required to meet the additional expenditure on account of the T. A. claims of the members of the P. W. D. Advisory Committee. The Advisory Committee divided itself into small sub-committees and travelled all over the State in order to select the works for the year 1117. There was not enough provision to meet their T. A. claims in this year's budget.

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MR. KAINIKKARA M. PADMANABHA PILLAI: May I know the amount already spent on that account?

MR. I. C. CHACKO: Rs. 4,365.

MR. KAINIKKARA M. PADMANABHA PILLAI: Is this amount now demanded in addition to Rs. 4,365?

MR. I. C. CHACKO: Yes, this demand is in addition to this year's grant of Rs 3,675.

MR. KAINIKKARA M. PADMANABHA PILLAI: So the total amount for this item will be Rs. eight thousand and odd?

MR. I. C. CHAKO: Yes.

MR. KOTTALIL P. ABRAHAM: May I know why this was not sanctioned when the budget was prepared?

MR. I. C. CHACKO: Because it was only in the latter part of the year that the members of the Committee expressed their desire to go about and inspect the works.

MR. K. P. KOCHUKORA THARAKAN: ഫ ഫസ്-ലേക്ക വേണ്ട ജോലികൾ തിരഞ്ഞെടുത്തിരുന്നില്ലേ?

MR. I. C. CHACKO: ചെയ്തിരുന്നു.

MR. K. P. KOCHUKORATHARAKAN: ആ ജോലികൾ ചെയ്തതിനശേഷമാണോ വേറെ ജോലികൾ കൂടി ചെയ്യണമെന്നു നിശ്ചയിച്ചത്?

MR. I. C. CHACKO: അതിനശേഷമല്ല. ഫ ഫ ൈ-ൽ ചെയ്യേണ്ട ജോലികളാണ് നിശ്ചയിച്ചത്.

MR. K. P. KOCHUKORA THARAKAN: ഫ ഫസ്-ൽ ജോലി ബാക്കിവരുമെന്നു വിചാരിച്ചാണോ കൂടുതൽ ജോലിചെയ്യാത്തത്?

MR. I. C. CHACKO: ഫ ഫസ്-ൽ മുഴുവനാകാത്ത ജോലികൾക്ക് പണമുണ്ട്. പുതിയവേലകൾ എന്തെല്ലാം ചെയ്യണമെന്നു നോക്കുന്നതിനാണ് ഈ ടൂർപോയത്.

MR. K. P. KOCHUKORA THARAKAN: ഈ ടൂർ നിശ്ചയിച്ചിരിക്കുന്നതു തന്നെ കൊല്ലത്തെ ജോലി ചെയ്യുന്നതിനു മാത്രമാണോ; അതല്ല പഞ്ചവത്സരപദ്ധതിയോ മറ്റോ ഇതിൽ ഉദ്ദേശിച്ചിട്ടുണ്ടോ?

MR. I. C. CHACKO: പഞ്ചവത്സര പദ്ധതിയൊന്നുമില്ല.

MR. KOTTALIL P. ABRAHAM. Have not those committees submitted a report asking for a five-year plan?

MR. I. C. CHACKO: They have passed some resolutions at a recent meeting of the Advisory Board for a five-year plan.

MR. M. R. NARAYANA PILLAI: May I know how many sub-committee there are?

MR. I. C. CHACKO: There are five sub-committees, one for each division.

MR. M. R. NARAYANA PILLAI: What is the total number of members on the Advisory Committee?

MR. I. C. CHACKO: Nine members.

MR. M. R. NARAYANA PILLAI: Am I to take it that the nine members have sub divided themselves into five sub-committees?

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MR. I. C. CHACKO: Yes.

MR. KAINIKARA M. PADMANABHA PILLAI: Sir, I am sorry I do not find my way to support the supplementary demand placed before the House. I regret that I might look rather unsporting because the Committee is mainly a committee of non-officials and I will be sitting on hard judgment on a few colleagues of mine. The difference in the estimates is almost double. In reply to a question from me, the Chief Engineer told me that the original estimate was only Rs. 3,000 and now with this additional grant the estimate comes to Rs. 8,000. I cannot swallow a difference of nearly double the estimate. It is a very unsound policy to have the estimate going up to two and three times. One complaint that we have always made against the P. W. D. is that the total grant for the department does not reach the roads and communications in this country. The leakage begins from the head office and goes down to the maistry and not even 50 per cent. of the allotted funds are utilised for the actual construction. Our pious hope was that with the establishment of the P. W. D. Advisory Committee things would improve. But I regret to note that the Committee have contributed their mite to the abuse of funds. Therefore I must record my strongest protest against the attitude of the non-officials who have persuaded the Chief Engineer from behind the screen to come forward with an additional demand of Rs. 5,000.

PRESIDENT: I think the protest might go beyond the Chief Engineer — to the Government also.

MR. KAINIKKARA M. PADMANABHA PILLAI: But I find from the answer of the Chief Engineer that it is because the committee went into sub-committees according to all possible permutations and combinations that they were drawing travelling allowances beyond the estimated funds. The whole thing is awkward. I do not wish to talk more upon the subject but I think that this is something which this House cannot very gladly accept.

PRESIDENT: Before putting the matter to vote, I may say that after the constitution of the P W. D. Advisory Committee, Government have definitely pursued the policy of not sanctioning estimates for works unless those estimates and works had been placed before the Committee. Therefore I can grant the necessity and the expediency of the Committee satisfying themselves about the necessity or the urgency of the works. But it is permissible to suggest that the travelling might be done, spread out throughout the year so that the works also might be spread throughout the year and there may not be any rush at the last moment. The constitution of the sub-committees might perhaps be done in a little more equitable manner. But these are matters which I dare say the committee composed of members of the Legislature will themselvs consider.

The demand was put and carried and the grant was made.

DEMAND XV—JAILS.

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA KHAN BAHADUR G. S. ABDUL KARIM SAHIB SUHRAWARDY: Sir, I move for a supplementary grant of Rs. 378 for appointing an additional staff of warders in the Central Prison. The

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